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For easy reference, the following is an outline of the Ministry offices. Directly under the Ministry of Defense, are:

1. Commission for the "B" list.
2. Budapest City Command (only in case of emergency)
3. KPCs
4. Military and Political State Secretariate
5. Inspectorate of Defense

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Nos. 1 - 3 act in partial independence of the Ministry, as appears below. The Military and Political State Secretariate (not discussed in the text since its functions are not as yet well-defined) is divided into a military-political and a civilian-political office. The Inspectorate of Defense has three subsections:

- a. Chief of Staff of the Inspectorate of Defense
- b. Disciplinary Section of the Inspectorate of Defense
- c. Prosecutor of the Inspectorate of Defense.

The Inspectorate of Defense also supervises the following directly:

- a. Presidium
- b. Training branch
- c. [REDACTED]

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- d. Procurements branch
- e. Equipment branch
- f. Audit Office
- g. Judiciary section

Further subdivisions will be taken up in the body of the report under each appropriate heading.

1. Introduction

The first Hungarian Minister of Defense after the war was Gen. Janos VOROS. A democrat in the western sense as well as a good organizer and strategist, his intention was to organize a non-partisan, well-trained army. Intrigues were organized against him, particularly by Janos TOROK, Quartermaster General, and a member of the left wing of the Socialist Party, who had been guilty of financial irregularities. VOROS was succeeded by TOMBOR, who was followed in turn by BARTHA, a member of the Smallholders Party. Under his regime, PALFFY-OESTERREICHER established himself in the Ministry. The next minister was DINNYES, and when DINNYES became Minister President, Peter VERES, President of the Hungarian National Peasant Party, became DINNYES' successor. He is supposed to possess nationalist feeling in a marked degree and is said to have often expressed anti-Communist sentiments. He is devoted to the Hungarian peasantry, and willing to expose himself in defending members of his party. In general, it is thought that his conduct is based solely on the consideration that Hungary is at the mercy of the Russians. He has come to terms with the situation and attempts to advance himself by any means. A born diplomat, he is not entirely in CP good graces. The General Secretary of the National Peasant Party, Ferenc ERDEI, sees to it that good relations are maintained with the CP and thereby takes a burden off VERES.

Up to the present, there has been no mobilization plan worked out. One will soon be elaborated by the circle of PALFFY-OESTERREICHER. PALFFY firmly intends to build a small but well-organized, fanatical, well-trained army; he will supply everything for this army, money, equipment, etc. He wants to reinstate old, well-trained officers. At the Moscow negotiations, in which he and VERES took part, they proposed to the Soviets an army of 120,000 men. The Soviets cancelled a certain percentage of reparations, from which sum the army is to be equipped under Soviet control.

At the request of the KPCs (~~seesetpolic~~), in December 1947 the Personnel Chief, ILLY, issued an order that every member of the Ministry must belong to a political party. This was carried out rigorously, and all persons without party affiliations were compelled to join. Officially, starting from 1 March 1948, political parties were banned within the Hungarian Army. There is now a KPCs representative in every section of the Ministry, which has created an atmosphere of mutual distrust.

The directing figures within the Ministry are PALFFY-OESTERREICHER, SOLYOM, ILLY, and RADVANYI, all former General Staff members with excellent technical qualifications. SOLYOM alone has not joined the CP, but he is completely in sympathy with its aims.

2. Commission for the "B" List (B lista ugyek miniszteri biztosa)

This office determines which officers now on active service should be placed on the inactive ("B") list. In practice, it determines which officers should be gotten rid of for reasons of political unreliability, technical incompetence, or non-essential services. The commission consists of three members, one from the office of the Minister President (DINNYES), one from the Ministry of Defense, and one from the Trade-Union. The chief of section, Brig. Gen. Miklos BARTOFFY, passes on and directs the commission, and makes decisions in doubtful cases. Technically, this section is coordinated with the Ministry of Defense, but it is in fact subordinate to both the Office of the Ministry of Defense (Miniszteri Iroda) and the Office of the Minister President (in this case, State Secretary Bela BOJTA). Close contact is also maintained with the KPCs, for necessary investigations. Deputy chief is Cpt. Dr. Janos ILLES.

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3. Budapest City Command (Budapesti Varosparancsnoksag)

Address: St. Baszo Barracks, Budapest VIII, Ulloi u. Commandant: Col. Gyorgy PORFFY. This unit maintains military order in Budapest in case of alarm or other emergency. It is normally subordinate to the First Military District Command, but in important matters can be directly subordinated to the Ministry of Defense. The City Command guards military installations and persons and performs routine garrison duties in Budapest.

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4. KPCs Comment: organization of the Katona Politikai Csoportfonokseg, a secret organization for the political supervision, indoctrination, and control of the Hungarian Army, founded by PALFFY-OESTERREICHER in 1945, has been discussed in greater detail in .

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5. Inspectorate of Defense (Honvedseg Felugyeloje)

This office, headed by Maj. Gen. Gyorgy PALFFY-OESTERREICHER, is the highest authority of the Hungarian Army in military matters, corresponding to the former office of Chief of the General Staff, and entirely independent, within this field, of the Minister President. More and more control has been centered in this office, so that at present its head is more important than the Minister of Defense. Control is exercised over all phases of army organization, mobilization, promotions, training, equipment, strategic questions; since February 1948, when PALFFY-OESTERREICHER became Inspector, the KPCs has been subordinated to the Inspectorate. PALFFY's adjutant is Capt. Istvan LAKATOS.

a. Chief of Staff of the Inspectorate of Defense (Honvedseg FelugyelojenekVezerkari fonoke)

The former head of this office, Staff Col. Zoltan PALFFY-MUHORAY, was relieved of his post in March 1948 for unreliability. Since the office is still being reorganized, its functions cannot yet be specified.

b. Disciplinary Section of the Inspectorate of Defense (Honvedseg Felugyelo-jenek Fegyelmi Eloadoja)

Headed by Brig. Gen. Istvan SZILAGYI, this office investigates and judges smaller offenses of officers, acting in close collaboration with the KPCs.

c. Prosecutor of the Inspectorate of Defense (Honvedseg FelugyelojenekUgyesze)

Headed by Lt. Col. Dr. Geza SOS, this office investigates and deals with more serious offenses of officers assigned to the Ministry of Defense and of general officers.

6. Presidium (Elnokseg)

This office, headed by Brig. Gen. Imre RADVANYI, and his deputy, Major Elemer SZABO deals with a number of important matters within the Ministry of Defense, including the keeping of various records and statistics. A break-down is presented below, office by office. The Presidium is answerable both to the Inspectorate and directly to the Minister of Defense. Comment: it will not be forgotten that all the offices discussed in paragraphs 6 - 12 are subordinate to the Inspectorate of Defense).

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a. Presidium, Section A (Elnokseg "A" Ostaly)

Headed by Col. Dr. Janos PAPP with the assistance of Capt. Sandor FURJES and 1st Lt. Mihaly TEMESI, this office deals with party matters, indoctrination courses, control over office work in the Ministry of Defense, issuing of identity papers for army personnel, security of Ministry offices, preparation of daily reports, graves registration, etc. In case of military emergency, this office issues orders to the City Command.

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SECRETb. Presidium, Section B (Elnokseg "B" Ostaly)

Headed by Col. Gyula TURCSANYI with the assistance of Capt. Sandor BERKO, this office maintains contact with the military attaches of foreign countries as well as with accredited diplomatic missions and also selects and sends out Hungarian military attaches to foreign posts. The office supervises parades and official receptions and maintains a technical branch for study, translation, and appraisal of foreign technical periodicals. A small counter-intelligence organization exists within this office and works closely with the KPCs.

c. Staff Headquarters (Torzsparancsnoksag)

Headed by Maj. Imre RAPP, who is assisted by Master Sgt. Lorine HARGITAI, this office controls office matters within the Ministry. It issues orders for officers and non-commissioned officers, as well as pass-words, commands and leaves. Orders for Sections A and B are prepared and forwarded and instructions are issued to the sentries guarding the Ministry. A Management Office (Gazdasagi Hivatal) is subordinated to the Staff Headquarters; it is headed by Maj. Ivan RAKOVSKY, and pays bills for the Ministry, salaries for personnel in the Ministry, etc.

d. Chief of the Roman Catholic Chaplains (Rom. Kath. Vezeto Lelkesz)

Religious service is headed by Brig. Gen. Janos FOLBA, assisted by Lt. Col. Dr. Janos NEMET.

e. Chief of the Protestant Chaplains (Prot. Tabori Vezeto Lelkesz)

Religious service is headed by Maj. Gen. Elemer SOLTESZ, assisted by Capt. Sandor VARGA.

f. Chief of the Jewish Chaplains (Izraelita vezeto lelkesz)

Religious service is headed by Lt. Col. Jeno DUSINSKY, assisted by Capt. Jeno MORGENSTERN.

g. Administrative Office (Allomanyvezetoseg)

This office, directed by 1st Lt. Tibor HOVAN, keeps all personnel files on officers serving in the Ministry of Defense; it records births, deaths, decorations, etc.

h. Translation Office (Fordito es Tolmacsiroda)

The chief of this office is Capt. Dr. Josef ILLES; the Russian translators are headed by Capt. Mihaly VORINKA and 2nd Lt. Endre MERENYI; the English section is headed by Capt. Menyhert ESZTERHAZY and Capt. Istvan LOSITZ. All organizational orders, promotions, reports, and personnel matters are translated into Russian and transmitted to the Russians.

i. Printing Office (Hazinyomda es elvi ugyek)

The head of this office, which multigraphs reports, orders, etc., is Lt. Col. Elemer BENYI.

j. Building Administration (Palotagondnoksag)

This office, directed by a civilian official, Josef KALMAR, who is assisted by 2nd Lt. Bela KOSZTKO, takes care of the Ministry building and its internal security.

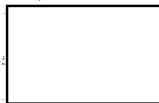
k. Medical Office (Office Orvosi Rendelo)

Col. Dr. Bela HUEBNER heads a medical office which serves Ministry personnel.

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1. Information Desk (Tájékoztató Iroda)m. Casualty Office (Veszteségi Alosztály)

This office, headed by a civilian official, Dr. Ferenc ZAMARDY, keeps records of casualties incurred by the Hungarian Army.

n. Central Mail Office (Központi postabontó)

This office is headed by Master Sgt. Janos DOBAK. It opens, numbers, records, and distributes to the proper office all incoming official mail.

o. Editorial Office (Honvedégi Közlöny Szerkesztősege)

This office, headed by Maj. Bela BAHOK, edits and publishes the Hungarian military technical journal, Honvedégi Közlöny, which is printed by Szikra A.G., Honved u. 10. Official notices are also written up and edited here.

p. General Files (Elnöki Általános Irattár)

The chief archivist is Josef SZABO, a civilian official.

7. Training Branch (Kiképzési Csoportfőnök)

This office, under Brig. Gen. Gustav ILLY, has the final word in all matters of training, promotion, assignment, salary, decorations, and other personnel matters.

There are three sections:

a. Personnel Office (Személyügyi Osztály)

This office is under the direction of Brig. Gen. Dr. Viktor GOMORY, assisted by 1st Lt. Jakab Ferenc SZABO, and is further subdivided:

1. Subsection for Officer Personnel (Elvi Tiszti Személyügyi Alosztály)

This section is headed by General Staff Lt. Col. Jeno CZEBE, assisted by 2nd Lt. MATRAI, and deals with all officer personnel questions.

2. Subsection for Assignments (Beosztási Alosztály)

This section, under Maj. Rezso FEKETE, assisted by 1st Lt. Andras OSERMELY, re-assigns officers who have been PW's after clearance by the KPCs.

3. Records Subsection (Nyilvántartási Alosztály)

Headed by Lt. Col. Andreas KASZONYI, assisted by Capt. Odon VALYI, this section maintains personnel files on all active officers as well as all reserve officers, arranged by branch of service.

4. Promotions Subsection (Elevéptetési Alosztály)

This section is headed by Maj. Antal FERENCZHALMY, assisted by Capt. VARHIDY. It handles promotions and decorations for all officers and non-commissioned officers in active service, and initiates requests for pensions and release from service.

5. Subsection for KPCs Personnel Files (Katonapolitikai csoportfőnökség ~~Beosztási~~ Alosztálya)

Headed by Maj. Sandor KOVARY, assisted by 1st Lt. Endre KORANYI, this section controls all personnel matters (assignments, promotions, decorations etc.) for officers serving in the KPCs.

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b. Education Office (Nevelo Osztaly)

This office is headed by Chaplain Lt. Col. Dr. Ferenc JANOSSY, assisted by Maj. Janos TOTH. Essentially a center for CP propaganda, this office distributes propaganda publications to the Hungarian Army, organizes propaganda courses and lectures, and trains special propaganda officers.

c. Training Office (Kikepzési Osztaly)

Headed by General Staff Lt. Col. Bela KIRALY, whose adjutant is 1st Lt. Rudolf SILLAY, this office supervises training of officers, non-commissioned officers, and OR's, and organizes training schools and programs. Calling up of recruits is also handled here and, in case of general mobilization, formation of units. [] Comment: Only the Sixth Infantry Division and the Frontier Guards have received adequate training in modern methods of warfare).

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d. Military Branch (Katonai Csoportfonok)

This office is commanded by Maj. Gen. ~~Bazlo~~ SOLYOM, assisted by Capt. Karoly SZROGH as adjutant. From the military standpoint, this office is the immediate advisor of the Inspectorate and of the Defense Minister with respect to all matters of military importance. It supervises the War Academy and specialized training for technical experts and General Staff Officers, and is the starting point for military strategic and tactical planning. There are ten subdivisions.

a. Military Office (Katonai Osztaly)

This office, under General Staff Col. Laszlo VERTES, with Col. Istvan KOVACS as adjutant, develops the effective strength of the Hungarian Army through organization and training. It supervises the specialist and technical training of General Staff Officers, controls the War Academy and the Kossuth Academy, and publishes the technical journal, Honved.

b. Signals Office (Hirado Osztaly)

This office, under Col. Janos PENTSY, assisted by Capt. Karoly SOMOGYI as adjutant, is in charge of organization, training, and equipment of all signal services, telephone, radio, and cable communication.

c. Technological and Transportation Office (Muszaki es Szallitasi Osztaly)

This office is headed by General Staff Maj. Laszlo GYORGYPAL. It supervises organization, training and equipment of engineer troops, despatches engineering troops for emergency use, organizes train movements of troops, etc.

d. Cavalry, Horse-Drawn, and Veterinary Office (Lo, Vonat, Allategeszsegugyi Osztaly)

This office is headed by Maj. Lajos ZAHUMENSZKY, assisted by an adjutant, Capt. Karoly SCHAC. It handles organization, training, and equipment of all cavalry troops and horse-drawn units, training of cavalry officers, horse breeding and maintenance, and veterinary services.

e. Motorized Troop Office (Gepkocsi Vonatostaly)

The head of this office is Col. Jeno UDVARDY, and his assistant, Maj. Istvan THOMKA. The office controls distribution to the Hungarian Army of motor vehicles, tires, fuel, spare automobile parts, and related matters. It trains officers for this branch, maintains garages for maintenance and repair of motor vehicles, and supervises armored troops

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[] Comment: As yet, no armored force is available).

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This office is headed by Col. Pal BOCSOR, assisted by Capt. Antal ZSIN as adjutant. It deals with all arms for the Hungarian Army, makes projects for arms depots, new weapons, bomb disposal, collection of war material and similar matters.

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f. Armament Office (Fegyverosztaly)

This office is headed by Col. Pal BOCSOR, assisted by Capt. Antal ZSIN as adjutant. It deals with all arms for the Hungarian Army, makes projects for arms depots, new weapons, bomb disposal, collection of war materiel and similar matters.

g. Regulations Office (Szabalyzat Szerkeszto Osztaly)

This office, headed by General Staff Col. Dr. Ferenc RECZEY, assisted by Capt. Istvan LOSITZ, issues and revises army regulations and technical manuals, supervises publication of the technical journal, Honved, and collects and evaluates foreign technical publications.

h. Surgeon's Office (Orvosi Osztaly)

This office is directed by Brig. Gen. Dr. Gustav MERENYI, assisted by Capt. Dezzo NEMETH, and supervises all hospital, clinical, and first aid installations, and all medical personnel, as well as sanitary and medical procedures. Subdivided as follows:

1. Medical Subsection (Orvosi Alosztaly), under Col. Dr. Richard SASSHEGYI.
2. Apothecary (Subsection (Gyogyszeresz Alosztaly), under Lt. Col. Dr. Janos BARBLE.
3. Administrative and Accounting Subsection (Gazdaszat-kozig. eloado) Under Capt. Josef BEKEFFY.

i. Organizational Office (Szervezesi Osztaly)

This office is headed by General Staff Col. Laszlo PADUSITZKY, assisted by 1st Lt. Geza JARMAY. It keeps very careful records of all Hungarian Army units, location, T/O, etc. All such records must be shown to the Soviets. The office works closely with the Chief of the Military Branch and the Chief of the Training Branch in pertinent matters.

9. Procurement Branch (Anyagi Csoportfonok)

This important office is headed by Brig. Gen. Istvan BELFZMAY; his adjutant is Capt. Count Antal PALLAVICINI. The office handles all procurement and supply matters for the Hungarian Army, including credits, disbursements, and investments; the various offices of the Military Branch are subordinate to the Procurement Branch in procurement and supply matters. The office also supervises ~~restitution~~ missions outside Hungary. Subdivisions are listed below.

a. Chief of the 1st Economic Administrative Group (1 Szamu Gazdasagi Kozi-gazgatasi Alcsoportfonok)

This office is directed by Quartermaster Brig. Gen. Mihaly TOTH, assisted by Capt. Josef KERENYI as adjutant. It handles food and clothing supply for the Hungarian Army, organizes supply dumps, and assigns QM, finance, and procurement officers.

1. Clothing Section (Ruhazati Osztaly)

Headed by Quartermaster Lt. Col. Ferenc MARKOTANY, assisted by Capt. Jozsef AGES, this section deals with all phases of clothing and uniform supply, including letting of contracts, specifications, and administration of depots.

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2. Food Supply Section (Ellemezési Osztály)

Headed by QM Col. Norbert LATZIN.

3. Special Services (Jóleti Alap)

This section is headed by Lt. Col. Lajos RAJKY, assisted by T/Sgt. Kalman KALOCSI. It maintains sanatoriums and rest centers, does special service work and sees to troop welfare.

4. Personnel

A section under Lt. Col. Gyula GASKO may be so designated. It maintains records on individuals and units to be used for QM allotments of food and clothing.

b. Chief of the 2nd Economic Administrative Group (II Szamu Gazdasagi

Kozigazgatasi Alcsoportfonok)

This office is under QM Brig. Gen. Imre SOMOGYI, assisted by Capt. Aladar NEMETHY. It supervises finance matters, billets, and army buildings.

1. Budget Section (Költségvetési Osztály)

This section is headed by Col. Janos GYONGYOSSY. It works out the budget for the Defense Ministry in close collaboration with the Finance Ministry, and supervises investments, credits, and obligations.

2. Salary and Pension Section (Illetmény és Nyugdíj Osztály)

Headed by Col. Karoly BOKROS, assisted by 1st Lt. Janos OZEGLEDY, this section handles all phases of pay and pensions. A special subsection under Lt. Col. Istvan SZEBERENYI handles pensions for persons on the B List.

3. Billeting Section (Elhelyezési Osztály)

This section is headed by Col. Arthur AJTHONY, assisted by Lt. Col. Kalman BREZNITZKY. It handles all matters of billeting, including barracks, training grounds, real estate, and requisitions of living space.

4. Building Section (Építési Osztály)

This section is directed by Engr. Col. Balazs LIPTAK, assisted by Engr. Capt. Gyula KOEHRNER. It sees to renovations and repairs of army buildings and installations, takes charge of all construction matters, and supervises training of Engineer Corps officers.

c. Sub-branch for Restitution Missions (Nyugatra Húrcolt Katonai Javak

Alcsoportja)

Headed by Lt. Col. Adam KRUDY, this office supervises the work of the restitution missions. Col. Mihaly NAGY was former head of the Vienna Mission.

d. Cashier's Office (Házi Pénztár)

This officer is under the direction of Ferenc ZIMONYI, a civilian official; his assistant is Jozef SIMON, also a civilian.

e. Staff of the Procurement Branch (Anyagi Csoportfonok Torzse)

This office is headed by General Staff Maj. Karoly LAM, assisted by Maj. Istvan VIDRANYI. It is a planning section which prepares studies for the Procurement Branch.

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10. Equipment Branch (Felszerelesi Csoportfonok)

This office is headed by Brig. Gen. Sandor BALLY, assisted by Capt. Sandor BODA as adjutant. It deals with all questions of armament and arms for the Hungarian Army. There is close collaboration between this office and the various governmental industrial organs. The office is undergoing expansion. It controls the Technical Military Institute (Haditechnikai Intezet) and supervises engineering and technical training on the General Staff level.

11. Audit Office (Szamvevosegi Osztaly)

This office is headed by Col. Zoltan SZAVAY, assisted by Maj. Laszlo BERTALAN. It supervises and administers all economic and audit matters, operating in close conjunction with the Supreme Budget Office of the Hungarian Government (Legfelsobb Allami Szamvevoszek). Subdivisions are as follows:

a. Subsection 1

This office is headed by Col. Imre MESZAROS. It handles bookkeeping for disbursements of the Cashier's Office (para 9 d above), including salary payments for civilian and military personnel, maintenance of pay books, and related matters.

b. Subsection 2

This office, directed by Col. Istvan VAGHY, audits all accounts and payments and takes periodical inventories.

c. Subsection 2

Headed by Col. Tihamer MAGYAR, this office supervises payment of pensions and maintains a complete card file, for pay purposes, on all military personnel.

12. Judiciary Section (Igazsagugyi Osztaly)

This office is headed by Brig. Gen. Dr. Laszlo GYORY-NAGY, assisted by Maj. ~~Mozsef~~ HANTOS as adjutant. It handles all legal matters, including military courts, regulations, and judges. The office functions in close contact with the supreme National Defense Council of the Hungarian Supreme Court (Legfelsobb Honvedelmi Tanacs a Kurian)

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